



STATE OF DELAWARE
Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission

January 22, 2010

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: January 22, 2010 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center

In Attendance:

- **Commissioners:** Dr. Garret H.C. Colmorgen, Mr. Malcolm Cochran, Ms. Marjorie Hershberger, Dr. Kathy Janvier, Dr. Amanda Kay, Ms. Leslie Newman, Dr. Karyl Rattay, Ms. Mary Kate McLaughlin, Dr. David Paul, Dr. Kevin Sheahan, Dr. Philip Shlossman, Dr. Wendy Sturtz, Ms. Aleks Casper
- **Proxies:**
Capt. John Evans, Mr. James Adams (DOJ), Judge Joelle Hitch, Mr. Nicholas Krayner (OCA), Ms. Rosalie Morales (OCA)
Ms. Bridget Buckaloo
- **Staff:**
Anne Pedrick, MS, Executive Director
Ashlee Starratt, CDR Specialist
Michael Brown, Office Manager
Angela Birney, Records Technician
Rachel Rosenwald, CDNDSC Intern

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Commission Chair, Dr. Garrett H.C. Colmorgen. A quorum was established with 15 members present.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from November 20, 2009, were approved without change.

NEW BUSINESS

The Joint CPAC/CDNDSC Conference will be held on June 3rd and 4th, 2010 at the Dover Downs Hotel.

Executive Director Report:

Annual Report: The Annual report is complete and will be distributed via e-mail to the Governor, Legislators, Commissioners, and Panel members by February 1, 2010. The report will be uploaded and accessible on the CDNDSC website. Moreover, an e-mail will be distributed to OB/GYN'S highlighting FIMR and the great work that has been put forth by the FIMR case review teams.

CAN Panel Update: The CAN Panel was trained on December 17, 2009, on the amended CDNDSC policy and Vicarious Traumatization. Since 1/22/10, the Recommendation Subcommittee has been implemented.

AIC Mandatory Reporting Update: In November 2009, Pat Dailey Lewis, Esq. spoke to the possibility of meeting with Christiana Care and their Risk Management Legal Group. However, it was recommended that this meeting be postponed until the Attorney General's Office and the Children's Department develops a policy for accepting referrals from medical professionals and other mandatory reporters regarding pregnant teens. To date, no policy has been developed nor training on this matter to DFS Hotline personnel. The meeting with Christiana Care will be reconvened at a later date.

CDNDSC had two meetings scheduled with Beebe Medical Center; however, these meetings were put on hold until the aforementioned policy was implemented. CDNDSC is awaiting a response from the Children's Department in regards to the policy. The hospitals are hesitant to move forward due to the recent events that have transpired downstate. CDNDSC has shifted the focus from the hospitals to private family practices. Furthermore, an e-mail has been distributed to the American Academy of Pediatrics in Delaware in order to train private practices on child abuse identification and reporting guidelines. So far, CDNDSC has received six inquiries for training.

Kids Caucus: The Kids Caucus has expressed to Dr. Colmorgen that they would like to have someone from the CDNDSC come and present on the Mandatory Reporting Training. The Executive Director and the Commission Chair talked about presenting the Annual Report to them in order to educate the Caucus on the great work that the Commission has put forth.

Maternal Death Reviews: Meetings have been planned for the second week in February to start working on the Maternal Death Reviews.

Every Child Matters Update: On January 20, 2010, Congress took note of *Every Child Matters*, which was presented on a national level in October 2009. Since this release, national recommendations to prevent child maltreatment have been put forth to serve as a guiding tool in the prevention of future deaths and near deaths.

Other Business:

There was no other business discussed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to enter Executive Session.

Upon return to public session, a motion was duly made and seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:00 pm.